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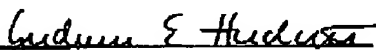
The claims have been amended based on the changes suggested by the examiner. Claims 62 and 63 have been amended to change "the pressing members" to "the at least two pressing members"; the Examiner apparently erroneously referred to "clamping and pressing device" in connection with claim 62.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims pursuant to 35 USC 112 are respectfully requested in view of the presented amendments to the claims.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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